[Mr. N. Ramakrishna Pillai.]

(*b*) whether there is any objection to grant them admission to these schools, and, if so, what the nature of the objection is;

(*c*) whether they are aware that there are a large number of Pulaya children seeking admission to these schools, and that there are no other schools anywhere near where they could gain admission;

(*d*) whether they have received any complaint from Pulayas against their exclusion from these schools, and if so, whether any enquiry will be made into those complaints; and

(*e*) whether they will remove the above schools to more convenient sites, if they are inaccessible to all classes at present?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) Pulayas are not given admission to the Vechur Primary school, while the Manjur Primary school has been declared open to pupils of all classes.

(*b*) The objection to admit pupils to the Vechur school is due to its proximity to a temple.

(*c*) The Director reports that there are three primary schools in the Vechur pakuthi open to all classes.

(*d*) Petitions have been received and they have been forwarded to the Director of Public Instruction for necessary action.

(*e*) The question of removing the Vechur school to an unobjectionable locality will be considered.

Mr. K. Parameswaran Pillai, Police Inspector, Quilon, versus Editor, Kerala Chandrika.

87. MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI (*Vaikam* cum *Ettumanur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware of a criminal case of defamation filed by the Quilon Police Inspector, Mr. Parameswaran Pillai, against the Editor of the "Kerala Chandrika";

(*b*) whether it is a fact that the Inspector is still allowed to be at Quilon, where the case is going on, in spite of the accused's petitioning for his transfer to some other place while the case is pending; and

(*c*) whether the prosecution in this case is conducted at Government cost?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) and (*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Government have agreed to recoup the expenses of the Inspector in the event of the prosecution being successful.

Rule 52 of the Registration Rules.

88. MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI (*Vaikam* cum *Ettumanur*):

(*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware that Rule 52 of the Rules passed under Section 64 of the Registration Regulation is working great hardship in practice?

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(*b*) Will the Government be pleased to modify the rule so as to allow registration officers to accept or record also the admission of the execution of documents of members of the same house other than those on whose requisition these officers are allowed to attend at private residences?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Representations to this effect have been made to the Government.

(*b*) The matter is under consideration.

Collection of Sanskrit Manuscripts.

89. MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI (*Vaikam* cum *Ettumanur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any list of the manuscript copies obtained by the Curator has been preserved in his office or published by him, and, if so, whether any such list is available to the public;

(*b*) what the total number of the manuscripts collected by the Curator from the public is; and

(*c*) whether any of the manuscripts collected by the Curator has been returned to the owners thereof, and, if so, how many manuscripts have been so returned?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) A list is available and will be supplied to the member.

(*b*) 1312.

(*c*) 371.

Malayalam Pandit in the Curator's Office.

90. MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI (*Vaikam* cum *Ettumanur*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether there is any Pandit on the Curator's staff who has any knowledge of Malayalam literature?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The attention of the member is invited to the answer furnished to question No. 39 (*d*) asked by Mr. V. Kunjukrishna Pillai at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 22nd November, 1922.

Irregularities in the Curator's Office.

91. MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI (*Vaikam* cum *Ettumanur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether it is a fact that copies of rare and valuable manuscripts collected at Government cost have been sold to foreign libraries and institutions by some of the Pandits on the Curator's staff; and, if so, whether the Curator is aware of any such transaction; and

(*b*) whether the Curator is allowed to undertake work on behalf of other States like Baroda and whether any such instance has been brought to the notice of the Government?

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